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VERIFIED STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby states that the amendatory matter added to paragraph [0116] on pages 46 of the specification in the accompanying Amendment is to include material which had been incorporated by reference from U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/219,879 filed on 30 March 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,565,355).

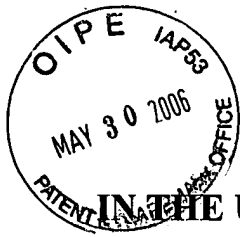
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed 29 December 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed 18 May 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the amended paragraphs which begin on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.